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First Results of Poll Show . . .

91% of Enquirer Readers Believe Publicizing of CIA Secrets Should Be Stopped

The publicity being given to secret CIA activities is harming America — and should be stopped, say an overwhelming majority of ENQUIRER readers responding to our poll.

First results of the poll show that 1,474 readers sent in the ballot published in our March 23 issue. We asked: "Should publicizing CIA secrets be stopped?"

Of those responding, 1,336 — or 91 percent — answered "yes," while only 138 — or 9 percent — voted "no."

As usual in our polls, The ENQUIRER took no position, but presented both sides of the question. U.S. Congressman Charles Thone (R.-Nebr.), wanted the publicity stopped.

"In leaking information about CIA covert activities, the U.S. Congress is in danger of becoming America's greatest security risk," he declared.

U.S. Congressman Michael Harrington (D.-Mass.) argued: "The people have the right to know what is being done in their name — especially when the activities they pay for in their taxes include bribery, secret military operations and assassination plots.

"It's ludicrous to suggest that Congress becomes a security risk by telling the people what they have a right to know . . . the Soviet Union and every other country with a sophisticated intelligence gathering service knew all about these activities long ago."